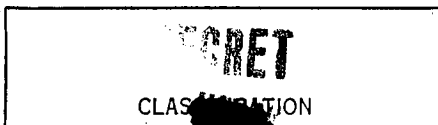


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Attn: C 7 LK
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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBOPUS

SPECIFIC— FRIDAY Mission Progress Report
for the period 23 April through
14 May 1954

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REF: SGAA 9802, KAPOK 2579, 1 May 1954

Headquarters' Action Required

Information on anti-dog measures requested in
SGAA 9885, 7 May 1954

Synopsis

RNDOLLAR and AIRBRED were delivered to OBATLANTIS for
training on 30 April

AIKNAVE was delivered to OBATLANTIS for training on 8 May

A preliminary briefing for the team has been prepared.

C 7 advises that the team is responding well to training.

Account of Development

27 April

1. RNDOLLAR came in from Khalkis, received the fourth and last of his
series of inoculations and then joined AIRBRED in the "Anapolis" safehouse.

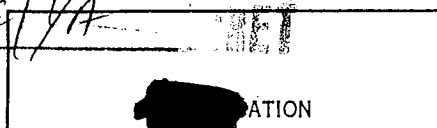
2. AIKNAVE came in from Vilja, where he had been working, and received
his third series of inoculations. He was then placed in a hotel in Phaleron
until we could determine if his POC, granted in DIR 47745, 23 April 1954,
permitted us to expose him to a safehouse.

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3. AIRBRED received his third series of inoculations.

4. The operational equipping of AIRBRED and RNDOLLAR was begun by

[] and []

28 April

5. We received approval to place AIKNAVE in "Anapolis" and moved him there to join the team. Operational equipping was completed.

29 April

6. [] informed us that the Corinth Canal was blocked by a landslide and that the service vessel could not enter the Gulf of Corinth. This situation had already delayed movement of the team for two days. As we could get no definite information as to when the canal was to be reopened, the decision was made to move the team to OBATLANTIS without the use of the service vessel.

7. [] and [] proceeded to Loutraki and hired a fishing vessel to take them to OBATLANTIS.

8. At 1930 [] picked up RNDOLLAR, AIRBRED and [] at "Anapolis" for movement to OBATLANTIS. As full clearance for AIKNAVE had not been received, he was left behind in the care of Olga Garzouni, the old woman who cooks and maintains the house.

9. At our request, [] had installed a full wall between cab and cargo compartment of two panel trucks and fitted them with dome lights and ventilators. The two agents and [] traveled in one of these trucks and [] followed in the other as insurance against breakdown.

30 April

10. [] and [] had agreed to meet at rendezvous point "A" (see SGAA 5856, 1 September 1953 TAB E) between 2330 29 April and 0230 30 April.

[] arrived at 0220 in the launch and [] with the two agents were taken off for OBATLANTIS

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11. Having received a waiver for AIKNAVE's CC in DIR 49012, 4 May 1954, the plans for his movement to OBATLANTIS were executed. He was picked up by [] and [] at "Anapolis" at 1830 in one of the special panel trucks and followed by [] in the other.

8 May

12. As the Corinth Canal had been reopened, [] picked up AIKNAVE and [] in the service vessel at rendezvous "A" at 0115.

13. [] reviewed the problem of contacting AIPIGEON with RNDOLLAR as requested in DIR 49012, 4 May 1954. He also instructed RNDOLLAR to prepare full biographic data on all potential agents in Albania and turn it over to [] for delivery to []. Results of the discussion on contacting AIPIGEON were forwarded in [] 7068, 10 May 1954.

14. [] gave AIKNAVE and AIRBRED their final inoculations and returned to Athens.

Week of 10 May

15. The decision was made to give FRIDAY team their operational briefing at the end of this week and repeat it again just before they were moved north. This procedure would permit the team, and particularly RNDOLLAR, time to apply their training to their specific tasks and fill in any gaps. Repetition of the briefing should also help in retention of details. Accordingly, the preliminary briefing was assembled during this week. [] prepared the operational data briefing, [] the intelligence collection briefing, and [] the operational briefing including instructions on how to execute the first phase of the mission in as much detail as is feasible.

14 May

16. [] and [] visited GADROON to discuss plans for the mounting of FRIDAY mission. A copy of the memorandum of this conversation is attached.

Comment

17. The movement of agents from Athens to OBATLANTIS via rendezvous "A" is a difficult and time-consuming process. Of the 74 miles between Athens and

the rendezvous point

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the rendezvous point, 26 miles must be negotiated at 10 to 15 miles an hour over one of the most appalling roads within the capabilities of man to construct. The effect of this ride on the sealed-in agents and case officer has proven unpleasant and exhausting. Time under these conditions passes so slowly, however, that the three agents transported to date estimate the length of their trip as double what it is. In the light of this result, we feel our efforts are well justified. RNDOLLAR estimates the location of OBATLANTIS as somewhere near Corfu. [] and his staff are doing nothing to dispell this illusion.

18. [] reports that RNDOLLAR and AIRBRED have an excellent grasp of much of the material they are being given and that they are serious and confident students. AIKNAVE is reported to be grasping his instruction well and demonstrating enthusiasm for his assignment. [] also stated that RNDOLLAR and AIRBRED were in need of physical conditioning when training began and that he was working them hard. AIKNAVE is reported to be in excellent shape. [] will forward a full training report separately.

19. We will dispatch a copy of the final briefing for this infiltration to you as soon as possible.

[]

19 May 1954

Attachments:

- (A) Memo of Conversation
- (B) Identities under separate cover

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18 May 1954

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION: KYP Meeting of 14 May

1. On 14 May [] and [] accompanied by [] met with GADROON, (Identity 1), and (Identity 2) to discuss arrangements for the FRI DAY operation which is scheduled for the end of the month.

2. The size of the team was reviewed as was the planned schedule of operation i.e. initial infiltration, July infiltration, and subsequent returns to service a dead drop. [] explained a guide would not be required but that we wanted aid from KYP in the form of transportation, services of a KYP officer, and border intelligence. GADROON was told that [] had already begun his survey of the border with (Identity 3) and (Identity 4) and that we proposed to continue this on 18 May when [], who is to be OBOPUS conducting officer on the operation, was going to Ioannina with [] to select the infiltration point in company with KYP. It was also reported to GADROON that this pair would during the course of the trip select the spot for the vessel to land on the Greek coast in the forward area on 27 May and that the spot would also be picked in conjunction with KYP.

3. The KYP group were in general agreement with our proposed line of action. GADROON observed that the April clash in the Konispol area between a KYP team and the enemy was an unsettling factor and it was possible that the after effects of this action might prevent infiltration due to tension at the border. (Identity 2) was against transport by sea pointing out that local inhabitants in the Igoumenitsa area might learn of the team's presence when they were moved to the KYP vehicle from the vessel. To further aid OBOPUS GADROON offered the use of a safehouse in an isolated spot in the Ioannian area. This will probably be used on exfiltration when the team is being held up north prior to arrival of the OBOPUS vehicle at the transfer rendezvous south of Ioannina. However, it will not be used prior to the operation, for it was explained to GADROON that we wished to hold to our original plan provided agreement could be reached on a suitable, mutually acceptable landing point on the coast.

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4. With regard to the point of infiltration GADROON emphasized our earlier agreement that it was to be jointly decided upon as a result of the preliminary reconnaissance and added that any deviations from this because of late developments were to be decided upon by the KYP conducting officer.

5. GADROON was invited to submit a list of questions which we would pass to the team though it was explained that the take would not be great on the first mission. He asked for and was promised the intelligence information obtained by the team per our usual practice.

6. This phase of the discussion was closed with agreement that successful groundwork was a prerequisite and the visit to Ioannina scheduled for 18 May would accomplish this. [] reported he would obtain necessary naval passes and explained that other details such as the team password would be passed at the border.

7. The only other subject covered was reference to possible joint operations. GADROON stated he was considering this subject and would go into it in detail in the near future with [].

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Identity 1 is: Major Panagopoulos, KYP Athens

Identity 2 is: Major Koliopoulos, KYP Athens

Identity 3 is: Major Thomaidhis, KYP Ioannina

Identity 4 is: Major George Tsoumanis
C.O. Border Guard Battalion in
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